

Amendments to the Drawings:

Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (d) are submitted for consideration by the examiner. These corrected drawings are submitted to resolve the examiners objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for the features: “interior wall” and “recess”. Figs. 7-9 illustrate “interior wall” and “recess” features and the interconnection of these features to positively position and define the article and the function of the article claimed in this invention.

Objections by the examiner under 37 CFR 1.83(a) regarding the features: “means to fasten the stationary slide to wall” and “means to provide clearance between normally abutting faces” have been resolved by canceling these features from the claims.

Attachments:

Replacement drawing sheets for Fig(s) 1-6.

Annotated Marked-up drawing sheets for Fig(s) 1-6.

New drawing sheets for Fig. 7-9.

Remarks / Arguments

The features “means to fasten the stationary slide to wall” and “means to provide clearance between normally abutting faces” have been excluded from the claim(s). Claim 2-3 have been canceled from the application. Claim 1 was canceled in a prior amendment. Claim 4 has been amended with the intention to overcome the examiners rejections under 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph, and to include the necessary limitations that distinguish this invention from the prior art. Claim 4 (currently amended) recites sufficient structural elements and the interconnection of the elements to positively position and define the article so that an integral structural apparatus is defined which is able to function as claimed. Replacement drawings for Fig(s) 1-6 are attached. New drawings for Fig(s) 7-9 are attached. No new matter has been entered.

The examiners rejection under 35 USC 103 (a) of US Patent 1,876,407 (Frazier) in view of US Patent 5,992,956 (Slivon) should be reconsidered as the resulting combination is different from the claimed invention. Frazier and Slivon do not teach the aspect of "remove the framed mirror from the slide assembly" as described in paragraph [0041] as well as "to reattach the slide members" as described in paragraph [0044] of the present invention.

It may be argued that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not make the combination of US Patent 1,876,407 (Frazier) and US Patent 6,416,145 (Singh) suggested by the examiner as obvious under 35 USC 103(a). The medicine cabinet cover "door (13) being equipped with a mirror (14)" as taught by Frazier would not be capable to support the significantly greater weight and size of the framed mirror cover for an audio-visual equipment cabinet of the present invention. Due to these deficiencies, a person of ordinary skill in the art would be unlikely to use the structural design of Frazier to fabricate a framed mirror cover for an audio-visual equipment cabinet of the present invention.

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Other prior art cited by the examiner, US Patent 1,908,831 (Edward), which describes a recessed wall cabinet and a pivoting mirror cover; and US Patent 2,578,096 (Smith) which describes a sliding mirror assembly; are different from the claimed invention. Edward and Smith do not teach the aspect of "remove the framed mirror from the slide assembly" as described in paragraph [0041] as well as "to reattach the slide members" as described in paragraph [0044] of the present invention.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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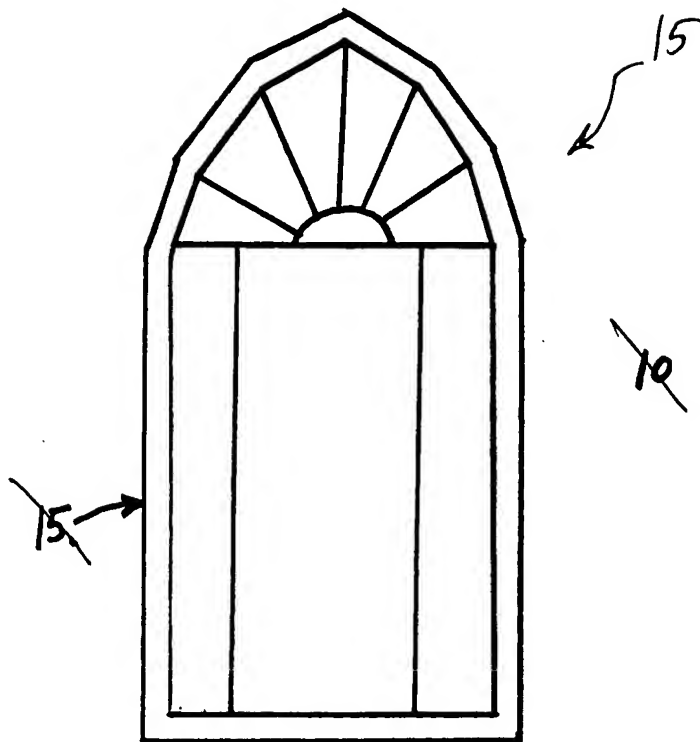


FIG. 1

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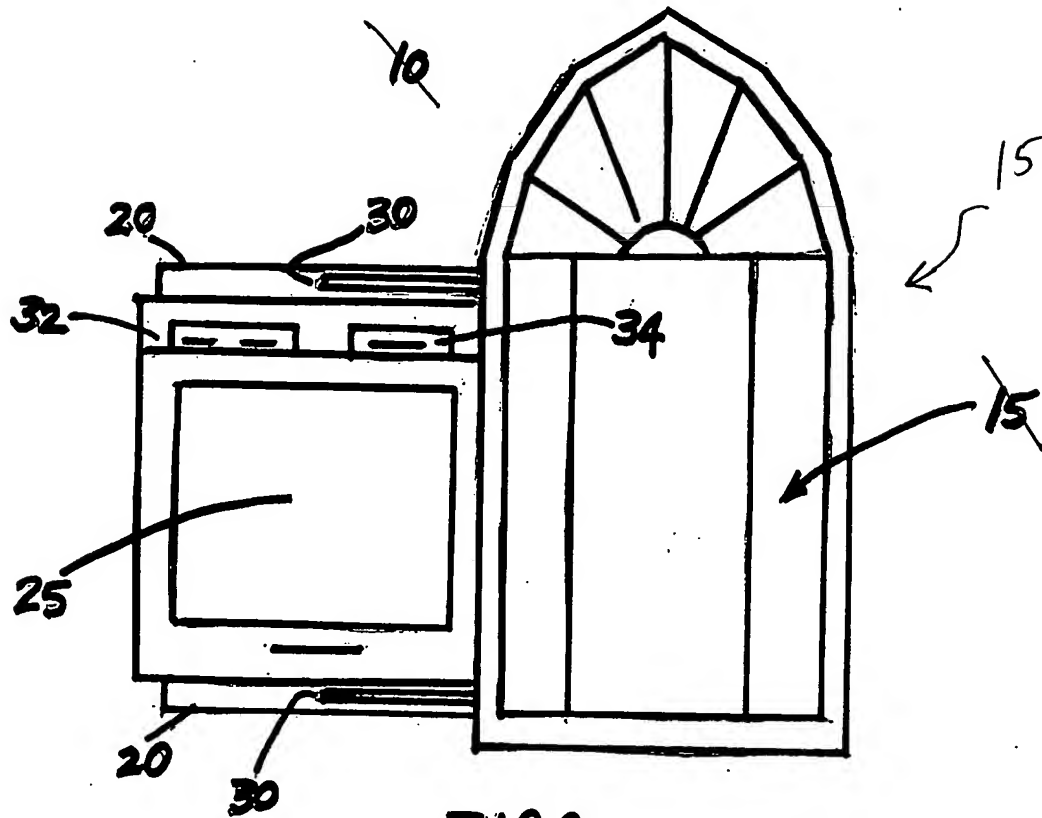


FIG. 2

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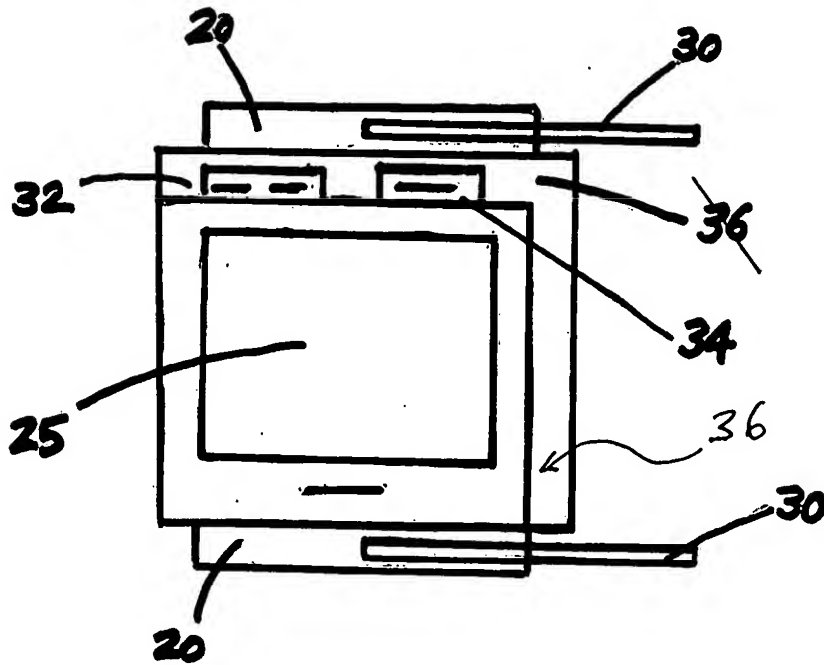


FIG. 3

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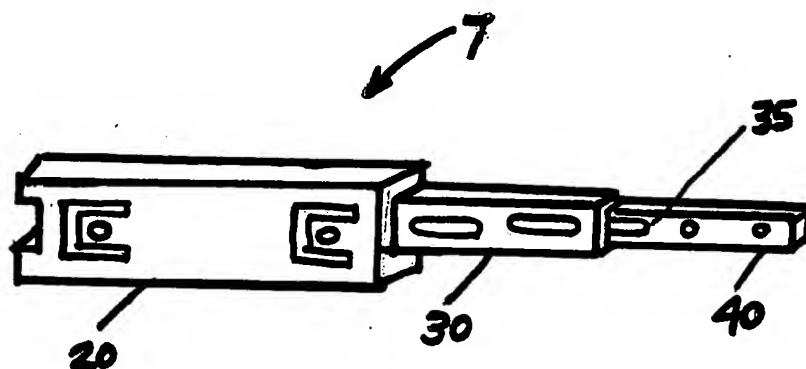


FIG. 4

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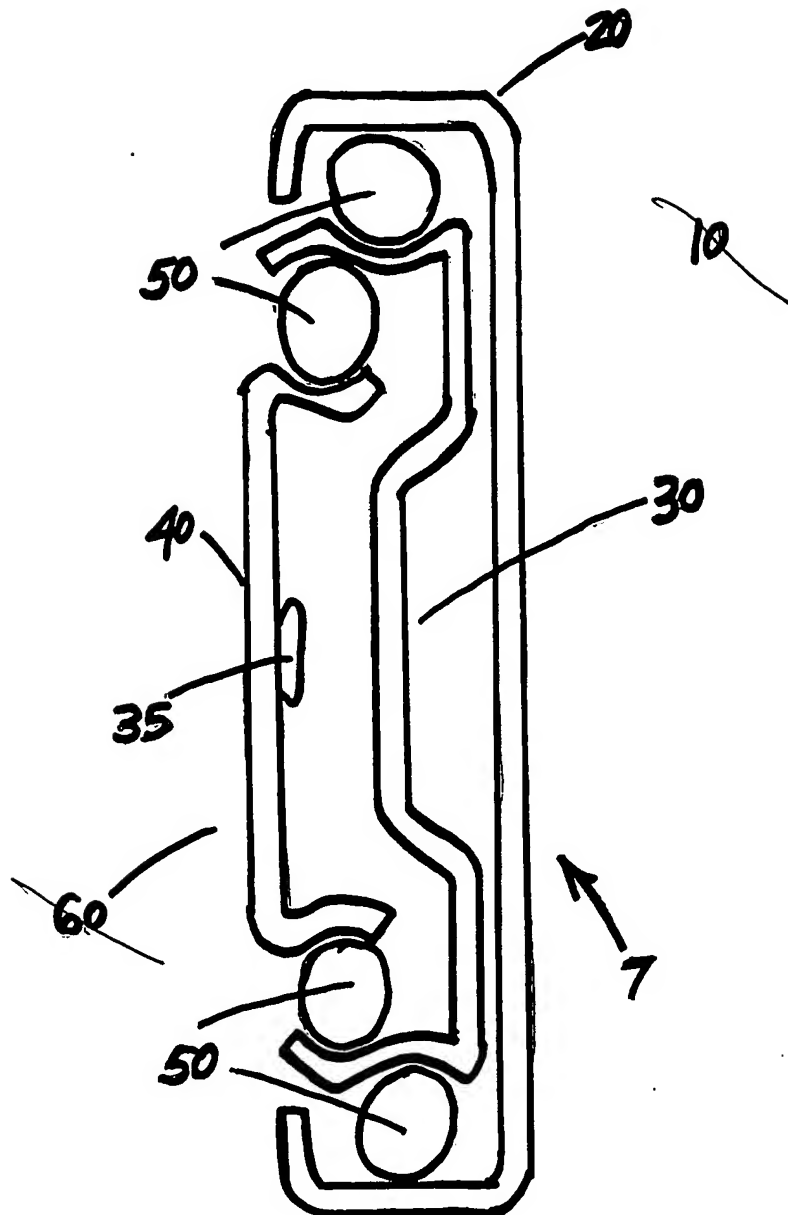


FIG. 5

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